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ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 4 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that U.S. District Judge Mary S. Scriven sentenced Ronald Smith (age 51), a previously deported illegal alien, to 54 months in federal prison. Smith was convicted of false impersonation of a U.S. citizen, falsely representing a social security number, aggravated identity theft, and illegal re-entry after deportation.

According to court documents, Smith, a citizen of Jamaica, was deported in 2003 after numerous criminal convictions including Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. He returned to the United States unlawfully and he then used the identity of a U.S. citizen to obtain a State of Florida driver's license, work in the United States illegally, attain medical care, and avoid detection from federal and state authorities for several years. Smith will be removed from the United States after he serves his sentence.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Florida Highway Patrol, and the Social Security Administration. It was prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Stephanie E. Gorman.